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NOTE: Two rather important stories just missed DXLD 1-063, so here is 1-064 without further delay! (gh)

** ANGOLA [non]. Germany/Angola: According to Ralf.Weyl@telekom.de of DTK Juelich Radio EcclÈsia did start broadcasting as promised but is now on different frequencies than previously announced. Since 18 April 2001 they have been on an even expanded schedule :

"Sehr geehrter Dr. Biener,
Radio EcclÈsia hat mit dem Regelsendebetrieb am 18.04.01 begonnen.
Die Sendezeiten kˆnnen Sie dem unten angef¸gten Sendeplan entnehmen.Viele Gr¸fle aus J¸lich. Ralf Weyl (8.5.2001)

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(via Dr Hansjˆrg Biener, Germany, May 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Well, lets hope the Angolans knew about it... Note day of week 1234567 key as only 15545 is 7 days (gh)

** U K. BBCWS confirmed to me today that they will drop all shortwave to the United States, Canada, and Australia as of July. Access to World Service will be via FM rebroadcasting (you *do* have access to BBCWS on your local FM station, don't you?) and the Internet. Details and perhaps an interview on Communications World this weekend (Kim Elliott, VOA, May 8, swprograms via DXLD)

Here's the BBCWS statement about this:

"BBC World Service is committed to meeting the needs of all its

audiences. It has record numbers of listeners (153m a week) because it has been agile in delivering its services in more ways, with better audibility, to suit their individual needs over recent years. Audiences in these particular regions have already voted with their dials by migrating to higher quality FM broadcasts in their areas while the growth of online listening to World Service, particularly in America, is outstripping comparable internet growth rates. We will be doing all we can to help audiences find a better way to listen which suits them, through trails, online information, helplines and information in our magazine On Air.

We recognise that short wave will be the major way most of our audiences listen to our services for a considerable time to come and it would be wrong to portray this as a retreat from short wave broadcasting. World Service has already announced major investment in short wave, such as the new transmitter currently under construction in Oman which will enhance reception quality for millions of listeners from the Middle East across Central and South Asia. We also modernising our short wave transmitters in Cyprus and Singapore. For further information: In the US, for example, over 200 public radio stations carry BBC programmes in America - three times as many people listen to us on FM as on shortwave and one and a half million users access online each month. In Australia, listening to shortwave has dropped by two-thirds over last eight years, as listeners migrate to FM rebroadcasts via ABC. Mike Gardner, Head of Media Relations, World Service (via Kim Elliott, ibid., DXLD) ###